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To whom it may concern:

I am writing in support of Joel Bertolino and Beartooth RC&D Food and Ag Center. Over the years, the RC&D has helped me obtain a USDA Rural Development Grant and a GTA mini-grant. Recently, RC&D has helped guide me through the GTA grant process. I am interviewing February 26th in Helena with the GTA's Development Council. I would not have known of these funding sources had it not been for Beartooth RC&D.

The RC&D has also scheduled brewery tours with various agricultural and business groups that are meeting in Red Lodge. This has helped spread the brewery's message around the state and allowed me to make contacts and network with people outside the brewery industry.

I hope you will continue to fund Beartooth RC&D Food and Ag Center.

Thank you,

Sam Hoffmann
President